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DECEMBER TALK

In conjunction with the Historical Society of the Gatineau, Heritage Ottawa invites members to a talk and film presentation to be held December 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the MRC on Sussex drive. Free parking available.

Arthur Davison, President of the Historical Society of the Gatineau has recently returned from the Heritage Canada Annual General Meeting in Regina, and has arranged for the film "The Old Cow Town, Maple Creek", which was shown at the Meeting, to be sent here for all of us to enjoy. The film is amusing as well as informative.

Pierre Berton, Chairman of Heritage Canada, has been invited to address the meeting.

Come out and mingle with our friends from the Historical Society who work so hard for heritage preservation in the Gatineau, and enjoy an evening together.

Stella Kirk

PREVIEW OF HERITAGE OTTAWA'S NEW BOOK

Members are invited to express their opinions and give suggestions concerning Heritage Ottawa's new book "Ottawa's Architectural Heritage."

Author and noted architect John Leaning will present a draft of the book to Board Members December 14th at 8:00 p.m. in the Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John Street, New Edinburgh. Heritage Ottawa members are invited to attend. Free parking is available across the street.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The current membership year ended 30 September 1982. If you have not already done so please complete the attached Membership Application Form and mail to Heritage Ottawa, P.O. Box 510, Station B, Ottawa, K1P 5P6.

Thank you.

POLICY ON FEDERAL HERITAGE BUILDINGS

In a press release dated October 16, 1982 and released from the Heritage Canada Annual General Meeting in Regina, Mr. Denis Ethier, Parliamentary Secretary to the Honourable John Roberts, Minister of the Environment, announced a new federal Policy designed to ensure the conservation of heritage buildings owned by the Government of Canada.

Mr. Ethier said the new federal heritage buildings policy is "a clear commitment by the Government of Canada to renovation, restoration and recycling of important heritage buildings".

The policy establishes a Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office, which will make recommendations to the NCC concerning buildings in the National Capital Region and to the Minister of the Environment concerning buildings in other parts of the country.

All federally-owned buildings 40 years old or older will be subject to evaluation. Those with the highest heritage significance will be officially designated as either a classified or a recognized federal heritage building. Special procedures must be followed whenever repair, demolition or ownership change is planned.

The policy recognizes local, regional and provincial attitudes and allows for public input and independent assessment whenever there is disagreement.

Mr. Ethier said "Heritage Buildings are important historical resources for all Canadians. This policy makes the conservation and protection of federally-owned heritage buildings a government objective".

Jennifer Roddick

THE ABERDEEN PAVILION LOOKS FORWARD TO NEW LIFE

The Minto Skating Club is formally announcing its proposal for the renovation and use of the Aberdeen Pavilion ("Cattle Castle") so the building may have its heritage value restored while

serving as a base for the club and other community groups, all of whom cannot be adequately accommodated in city arenas.

The two-phase rehabilitation, proposed to start January 1983, and be completed by August 30, 1984, is projected to cost \$7.3 million. A portion of the financing for the \$5 million first phase is being sought from the City of Ottawa; the remainder would be covered by Minto Skating Club fund-raising and by provincial and federal grants.

The Minto Skating Club, itself a historical institution which began as a group skating on the rink at Government House in 1903, recognizes the glaring lack of space for the activities of various recreational and community groups in Ottawa. As for its own skaters, they have not had their own home arena since 1959, and have subsequently been renting ice from six city rinks whenever and wherever they can. As its membership has been growing, the Club has been finding this situation increasingly difficult and costly.

Upon completion of a feasibility study by Hamilton, Kemp Architects of Ottawa and Toronto and after several discussions with all levels of government, businessmen, interest and community groups, the Club has found the renovation project to be very worthwhile and with bountiful support.

The proposed renovations - designed to be functional, not fancy - would be made in two phases. The first phase would involve restoring the Pavilion's outer shell to its original state, according to Heritage Building Code standards and the construction of two 256' x 85' ice rinks with the necessary facilities such as changerooms, lockers, and washrooms.

The second phase of the project would include most of the interior work such as partitioning and painting.

A third phase, to be supported entirely by the Minto Skating Club, would include all the finishing touches such as interior decorating, landscaping, furniture and plaques.

Once renovated, the Aberdeen Pavilion will have many uses: Minto Skating Club instruction programs, Ottawa Speedskaters' programs, the Central Canada Exhibition, the Ottawa Winter Fair, Old Timers' Hockey programs, family skating, instruction for day-care groups, senior citizens' skating, Glebe grade schools skating, moms and tots skating, programs for the mentally and physically handicapped, and competitions.

EXCERPTS FROM MINTO SKATING CLUB PRESS
RELEASE DATED OCTOBER 21, 1982

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

Information is needed by researchers with the Historical Society of the Gatineau.

Arthur Dunn and Mike Bedard are planning a project to search out and record the details of all mills in the Gatineau, even those which may have been flooded out by subsequent Hydro or other developments and mills which now exist only in memory.

If you can provide any assistance in locating mill sites in the region or any other information on early Grist Mills, Tanning Mills, Spinning Mills, Saw Mills, Fulling Mills, Ironworks, etc. please write to Arthur Dunn at 1287 Castlehill Crescent, Ottawa K2C 2B2.

Gary Levy has been awarded a grant by the Association for Canadian Studies to write a biography on Arthur Beauchesne, longtime resident of Ottawa and Clerk of the House of Commons who authored "Parliamentary Rules and Forms" in 1922.

If you can provide any assistance or if you know anyone who might be helpful in this regard please write to Gary Levy at Old Chelsea, Quebec J0X 2N0.

OTTAWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBIT

The Ottawa Historical Society of Ottawa exhibit of women's dress and accessories dating to 1850 is now open. The exhibit may be viewed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and
Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to
4:30 p.m.

As previously reported, due to renovations being done to their own premises, the Historical Society are sharing the Heritage Ottawa Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John Street, New Edinburgh.

For any information concerning the exhibit or the Historical Society please call 745-0551 on the above dates and times.

MARY BRIDGE

It is with great sadness that Heritage Ottawa learned of the passing of Mary Bridge October 12th in Kingston, Ontario.

Mary was a Board Member of Heritage Ottawa and its recording secretary for several years. Everyone who knew her loved her and she will be missed by us all.

We extend our deepest sympathies to family and friends.

FRIENDS OF THE DALY BUILDING

Friends of the Daly Building now have promotional buttons available for anyone who wants to visibly support their cause. Anyone wishing to purchase the buttons is asked to contact Judy Deegen at 238-8951 or 232-3497.

For your information, a telephone canvass is underway by the Friends of the Daly Building to ascertain Heritage Ottawa's members views on the preservation of the building and to elicit your support.

"CONTINUITY WITH CHANGE"

"Planning for the Conservation of Ontario's Man-Made Heritage" is the subtitle of the book entitled "Continuity with Change", containing seven essays on heritage conservation, photographs, charts, maps, illustrations, and diagrams.

The book deals with general policy, protection of landscape and buildings in regional planning, incorporation of historic and archeological sites in

provincial parks, protecting townscapes in urban planning and renewal, and retention and use of industrial monuments.

The main theme centres around the idea that traces of man's history on the land are essential to and irreplaceable in the life of any place, rather than isolated relics, unrepresentative of all but a narrow and elitist version of history. Case studies show how historic structures can and do fit into changing land use patterns along the Rideau and Trent-Severn Waterways, and at Gold Rock, Dundas, Niagara Falls, Sandbanks Park and Newmarket.

The book is available for \$10.00 from Publications Services, Ministry of Government Services, 5th Floor, 880 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario M7A 1N8.

THE ARCHIVIST

"The Widening Sphere: Women in Canada, 1870-1940" is the title of a new exhibit at the Public Archives which opened September 28 and will close January 4, 1983.

The exhibition follows the life cycle of the average woman born around 1870, from childhood and adolescence to her entry into adult life around the year 1890. From this date the Archives portrays the public and private lives of the generation of women who fought to gain the vote and who lived to witness the declaration of women as legally persons in 1929, when Judge Emily Murphy and her associates were able to prove that women are eligible for appointment to the Canadian Senate.

The planners of the exhibition strive to present a mosaic of the life experiences of women of all classes and of the different ethnic identities that make up Canada.

Their selection includes an extract from the journal of a widowed mother taking her children out west on a wagon train to start a new life on the Prairies, a plea from a pioneer woman journalist for equal opportunities for women workers, and photographs by Topley of "Polly", an habitual denizen of the Carleton County Jail, and of Lady Aberdeen, founder of the National Council of Women of Canada.

Information taken from "The Archivist", Public Archives Canada, September - October 1982.

Heritage Ottawa is extremely proud to announce that President Diane Holmes was elected as Alderwoman for City of Ottawa's Wellington Ward, November 8th.

Well done Diane -- Congratulations and GO GET 'EM!!

150TH ANNIVERSARY WRAP-UP PARTY

The Rideau Canal 150 Committee has organized a party, for all committees and their membership who participated in the 150th Anniversary celebrations.

Members are therefore invited to attend December 3rd at 8:00 p.m. at the Civic Centre, Salon "A".

A light buffet will be served, a band will be on hand to provide the music, and a play entitled "Sapper's Tale" will provide the entertainment.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact Susan Sherring at 222 Queen Street, 14th Floor or telephone 563-2610. Tickets are \$6.00 each.

Submissions for the Newsletter may be sent to:

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Jennifer

HERITAGE OTTAWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewal

New Membership

Individual \$7

Household \$10

Senior Citizen \$4

Student \$4

Patron - donations over \$50

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